@ Rs. 50/- per quintal less than the CIP issued under normal PDS. State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested to add not more than 25 paise per kg. over the CIP of foodgrains while fixing the end retail prices to consumers in RPDS. The Government incurs a substantial amount of subsidy on foodgrains issued through PDS.

Statement

Average retail prices of essential commodities during 1991-92, 1992-93 *and* 1993-94

Commodity	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (Upto Nov. 93)
1	2	3	4
Rice . .	5.36	6.28	6.80
Wheat . .	4.32	5.11	4.88
Gram . .	9.76	10.71	14.33
Arhar . .	16.29	15.76	16.22
Sugar . .	9.24	9.88	11.62
Vanaspati .	41.82	38.60	36.24
Groundnut Oil	40.38	36.76	35.59
Mustard Oil .	34.00	30.77	30.55

Allocation of Wheat and Rice to Madhya Pradesh under Public Distribution System

264. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total supply out of allocated quota made to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for distribution of wheat and rice under the Public Distribution System;

(b) what has been the prescribed quota fixed per adult in 1985 and the present quota that is being distributed to each adult in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the number of ration-card holders and fair price shops; and

(d) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh had urged the Union Government to provide more allocations in 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The quantity of rice and wheat allotted to Madhya Pradesh and lifted by the State Government in 1993 (January—October, 93) is given below:—

(figures in '000 tonnes)

	Allocation	Offtake
Rice . .	408.04	168.8
Wheat . .	420.00	189.90

(b) and (c) The information is being obtained from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) Requests from State Government including Madhya Pradesh are received for allocation of foodgrains. Central Govt. makes bulk allocation of foodgrains to States including Madhya Pradesh taking into account the level of stocks in central Pool, procurement made, inter-se requirements of States/UTs. and seasonal factors. PDS allocations are supplementary in nature and is not intended to meet the total requirement of any State.

Scarcity of items under Public Distribution System in Delhi

265. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appeared in National Herald dated 13-09-93 regarding the scarcity of items that are being distributer under the Public distribution System in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether according to 1985 Rules 20 KG of wheat and 5 KG of Rice per adult per month are prescribed, whereas at present actual supply is 6.5 Kg. of wheat and 1.8 Kg. of rice per unit per month;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for this reduction;

(d) what are the actual allocation that are being made in respect of wheat and rice;

(e) what are the total ration card holders and what are the total No. of fair-price shops; and

(f) what steps are being taken to improve the working of PDS and timely supply of allocations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The scale of issue was laid down in 1985 by Delhi Administration. The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has reported that an adult living in JJ clusters or colonies is given 8 kg. of wheat per month. The allocation of foodgrains received from the Central Government is sub-allotted to Fair Price Shops (FPS) depending upon the number of units attached to each, NCT of Delhi is allotted 72,000 tonnes of wheat and 20,000 tonnes of rice per month by the Central Government for distribution through the Public Distribution System. The allocation for Delhi has almost been uniform over the last few years.

Levy sugar is issued at the rate of 800 gram per adult/child per month. Levy sugar allocation was augmented by an additional allocation of 1200 tonnes per month since July, 1993.

There is no shortage of supply of cereals to FPSs. PDS allocations are supplementary in nature and are not intended to meet the total requirement of any State.

(e) The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that there are 26.16 lakh ration card holders and 3437 FPSs in Delhi.

(f) The Central Government makes bulk allocation of commodities to States including Delhi 3 weeks before the preceding month for which the allocation relates. NCT of Delhi has reported that vigilance committees has been set up at FPS level consisting of card holders. Senior officers of the Administration have been advised to visit FPS during inspection. The Vigilance Committee members are encouraged to visit FPS frequently to which they are attached and bring to the notice of the Administration the quality of food articles supplied, behaviour of FPS holders, availability of stocks at FPSs etc. Meetings were held with various FPS holders association advising them to strictly follow the instructions issued by the Administration Officers of the Food and Civil Supplies Department regularly visit FPSs to check/prevent malpractices.

Advisory Committee on P.D.S.

266. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of high powered pubic Distribution System Advisory Committee was held in September, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the main issue discussed was removing of the creamy layer of the society from the purview of PDS's benefit;

(c) if so, what were the main recommendations made by the Committee in this respect;

(d) whether the issue was referred to the National Development Council (NDC); and